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The City of Wylie Maintains ISO Class 1 Rating

Wylie Remains Among Elite Group of Less Than 1% of All Agencies

Wylie, TX, March 6, 2013 –The City of Wylie is pleased to announce that Wylie Fire Rescue (WFR) has maintained a top Public Protection Classification (PPC) 1 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The PPC rating is used to accurately measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community.

The Class 1 ISO rating places WFR among an elite group of agencies. Wylie is one of 56 municipalities out of 48,960 departments nationwide to receive a Class 1 ISO rating; placing Wylie in the top .116% (1/10 of a percent) of all agencies across the country. Out of 2,555 fire departments in the State of Texas, only 13 departments received the Class 1 rating; placing WFR in the top .54% (1/2 of a percent) of all Texas fire departments.

"This rating is a reflection of the outstanding effort the men and women of Wylie Fire Rescue put forth to maintain our high standards of fire protection even in the face of 175% population growth since we first received a Class 1 rating," says Mayor Eric Hogue. "I am proud of the way the whole city including Code Enforcement, Public Works, Communications, the City Engineer, the Planning Department and our Fire Department worked together to achieve the highest scores possible."

"Maintaining this classification is not easy," says Brent Parker, Administrative Battalion Chief and ISO project manager. "I personally thank everyone for the hard work in preparing for our evaluation...we truly are a team, and it shows with the outcome of our rating."

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The formal evaluation was performed in October 2012 and consisted of three areas - fire department (staffing, equipment, training, and emergency response capabilities), water supply, and receiving and handling of 9-1-1 calls. The ISO evaluation of the fire department accounts for 50 percent of the rating; while water supply accounts for 40 percent; and the department's communication and 9-1-1 system accounts for the final 10 percent.

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program helps establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. ISO provides insurance companies with reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire-protection services. ISO assigns a PPC from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents superior property fire protection which the City of Wylie has maintained for the last ten years.

The Public Protection Classification directly affects the community as many insurance companies use PPC information to help establish fair premiums for fire insurance. According to the ISO website, insurance companies may offer lower premiums in communities with better protection or a Class 1 rating.

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